

House File 215

H-1039

Amend House File 215 as follows:

1. Page 48, after line 20 by inserting:

<DIVISION _____

STATEWIDE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FOR FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN

— PARTICIPATION AND EXPANSION

Sec. _____. Section 256C.5, subsection 2, Code 2013,
is amended to read as follows:

2. *Preschool foundation aid district amount.*

a. For the initial school year for which a school district approved to participate in the preschool program receives that approval and implements the preschool program, the funding for the preschool foundation aid payable to that school district shall be paid from the appropriation made for that school year in section ~~256C.6, Code 2011~~ 256C.7, or in another appropriation made for purposes of this chapter. For that school year, the preschool foundation aid payable to the school district is the product of the regular program state cost per pupil for the school year multiplied by sixty percent of the school district's eligible student enrollment on the date in the school year determined by rule.

b. For budget years subsequent to the initial school year for which a school district approved to participate in the preschool program receives that initial approval and implements the preschool program, the funding for the preschool foundation aid payable to that school district shall be paid from the appropriation made in section 257.16. Continuation of a school district's participation in the preschool program for a second or subsequent budget year is subject to the approval of the department based upon the school district's compliance with accountability provisions and the department's on-site review of the school district's implementation of the preschool program.

c. (1) For the initial school year for which a school district previously approved to participate in the preschool program receives expansion funding, the funding for the expansion funding preschool foundation aid payable to that school district shall be paid from the appropriation made for that school year in section 256C.7, or in another appropriation made for purposes of this chapter. For that school year, the expansion funding preschool foundation aid payable to the school district is the product of the regular program state cost per pupil for the school year multiplied by fifty percent of the school district's enrollment of additional eligible students for whom the school district applied and who were approved by the

1 department in accordance with section 256C.7 in the
2 district's approved local program on the date in the
3 school year determined by rule.

4 (2) For budget years subsequent to the initial
5 school year for which a school district approved to
6 participate in the preschool program receives expansion
7 funding, the funding for the preschool foundation aid
8 payable for the number of eligible students initially
9 paid for by the expansion funding provided to that
10 school district shall be paid from the appropriation
11 made in section 257.16.

12 Sec. _____. **NEW SECTION. 256C.7 Phase-in and**
13 **expansion — appropriations.**

14 1. *Phase-in.* For the initial fiscal year in
15 which a school district participates in the preschool
16 program pursuant to an appropriation provided in
17 subsection 3, the department shall apply a modified
18 set of the requirements of the provisions of this
19 chapter relating to preschool program implementation,
20 preschool enrollment reporting, and distribution of
21 funding as necessary to begin the distribution in that
22 fiscal year and additional program implementation in
23 the next fiscal year. For each month after September
24 1, in the initial fiscal year that a school district
25 approved to participate in the preschool program
26 begins programming, the department shall reduce the
27 preschool foundation aid payable to the school district
28 by one-tenth of the amount that would otherwise have
29 been payable to the school district for the full school
30 year.

31 2. *Expansion funding.* If the anticipated
32 enrollment count of the eligible students enrolled in
33 the approved local program implemented by a school
34 district exceeds the enrollment count used to calculate
35 the preschool budget enrollment for the district's
36 approved local program for that budget year, the school
37 district may apply to the department for approval of
38 expansion funding to cover the additional enrollment.
39 If the actual additional enrollment is less than
40 anticipated, the preschool foundation aid payable to
41 the school district in the subsequent budget year shall
42 be offset by the excess amount. The expansion funding
43 shall be paid from the appropriation made in subsection
44 3.

45 3. *Appropriations.* There is appropriated from
46 the general fund of the state to the department of
47 education for the designated fiscal years the following
48 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used
49 for the initial year and expansion funding preschool
50 foundation aid payments to school districts approved

1 to participate in the preschool program and for
2 administrative costs:
3 a. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013,
4 and ending June 30, 2014, twelve million five hundred
5 thousand dollars.
6 b. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014,
7 and ending June 30, 2015, twelve million five hundred
8 thousand dollars.
9 c. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015,
10 and ending June 30, 2016, twelve million five hundred
11 thousand dollars.
12 d. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016,
13 and ending June 30, 2017, twelve million five hundred
14 thousand dollars.
15 4. *Insufficient funding.* For the fiscal years in
16 the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2013, and ending
17 June 30, 2017, if the number of requests from school
18 districts for initial participation in the preschool
19 program and for expansion funding exceeds the funding
20 made available for the preschool program under this
21 section, the department shall utilize all of the
22 following selection criteria in selecting the school
23 districts that will be approved to participate in the
24 preschool program:
25 a. Priority shall be given to school districts that
26 do not have existing preschool programming within the
27 school district boundaries ahead of applications for
28 expansion funding.
29 b. Priority shall be given to school districts that
30 have a high percentage of children in poverty and such
31 children shall receive first priority for the programs.
32 c. Consideration shall be given to the size
33 of school districts in large, medium, and small
34 categories in order for there to be equitable statewide
35 distribution of preschool program services.
36 d. Consideration shall be given to school districts
37 with established, high-quality, community partnerships
38 for the delivery of preschool programming that are
39 seeking to expand access.
40 5. *Repeal.* This section is repealed July 1, 2017.>
41 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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